

# e-Newsletter

Dear Resident of Fareham East Ward,



*Happy Christmas to All Our Readers.*



We hope you are able to celebrate the festive season with as many of your family as possible and as allowed by the current restrictions.

So, 'She' got away with it! It seems that breaking the Ministerial Code is no longer a sacking offence ! Never before has a minister who broke the code remained in office.

And....so, 'He' got away with it too. "No dishonesty or skulduggery,.... just a lapse of judgement....no further action is necessary" **Really !**

At least a governmental senior adviser has finally been given the sack and been seen leaving No10 with his box of possessions. Should others follow ?

***The Coronavirus vaccine is here at last !***

Vaccinations began at Queen Alexandra Hospital on Wednesday 9 December. A wonderful Christmas present for everyone but meanwhile our general message must remain:

***Keep Safe - Wear a Face Covering - Keep to Social Distances***

And now, our usual introduction :-

**W**e are your **Liberal Democrat FOCUS Team** and campaigners in **Fareham East Ward**. To help us keep in touch more closely, we are sending you this e-newsletter. **The number of recipients has now risen to over 130 e-mail addresses in the ward.**

If you like what we do, why not ask your neighbours and friends to contact us via our email address: [farehameast@gmail.com](mailto:farehameast@gmail.com), and we will be happy to include them on our mailing list.

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Best Wishes from,



**Katrina Trott** (Fareham East Councillor)

**Katrina** is a **Liberal Democrat** but she represents, and has a record of helping, **all** residents of Fareham East Ward regardless of their political leanings.

**Katrina's regular Ward Surgeries, are on hold during the Coronavirus crisis.** They will resume once the current restrictions are no longer in force.



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## 1. Swans in Danger



**A** local resident has recently reported a number of dead swans in the Fareham Creek area. Fareham Borough Council's Environment Department have confirmed to **Katrina** that they are liaising with both the lead agencies, DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) and the Environment Agency.

We have now received this report from FBC's Head of Environmental Health:

As you know now the swans that died a couple of weeks ago were tested by DEFRA and the result was positive for Avian Flu, also contacted and advised at the time were APHA (Animal and Plant Health Agency) and Public Health England.

It appears that there was a process in place where DEFRA advertise the **DEFRA helpline on 03459 33 55 77**, and this is where dead birds should be reported. They will either come and remove the birds for testing and/or contact the Council's depot to arrange removal of the birds. It seems the APHA are only interested in more than 5 birds and that's really only for surveillance in the environment and to allow them to take measures to protect farmed birds.

Public Health England have informed us that the strains of Avian flu found in the UK recently pose little risk to human health and we were advised yesterday that we could put signs up if we wanted to. Coincidentally yesterday some more dead swans were reported on the Cams Golf Course side and we are arranging for signage to be

put up as soon as possible now, which will basically advise the public not to go near dead birds and advise them to report to the DEFRA helpline.

***We urge you NOT to walk along the coastline of Fareham Creek where swans congregate and certainly not to feed the birds at this time.***

**Paula Headley**, a caring and very concerned local resident contacted **Katrina**, and DEFRA, RSPB and RSPCA. Fareham Borough Council is at last producing and placing notices. Praise must go to Paula who had already placed notices in the area to warn the public, as shown here.



***Katrina says: "PLEASE do heed the request above and DON'T walk on the shores of Fareham Creek and DON'T feed the birds until this outbreak has been resolved."***

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## 2. Fareham's Local Plan - Update

**A**s we reported last month, Fareham Council is consulting on the **Publication Version of the Local Plan**. This consultation is the final stage before the Plan is submitted to a Government Planning Inspector for independent examination. It is different from previous ones as it no longer seeks views on alternative options.



Comments on the Plan can be made, but be quick, representations can only be made up until **18 December**. Please click [here](#) to take part, view a virtual exhibition and comment on the Plan.

A paper copy of the comments form is available on request from the Council at the Civic Offices or by calling **01329 824601**.

Response forms can be returned by email to [\*\*consultation@fareham.gov.uk\*\*](mailto:consultation@fareham.gov.uk)

or by post to the Consultation Team, Floor 6, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Fareham.

You can read the Council's response to the Government's "**Planning For The Future White Paper**" by following the link [\*\*here\*\*](#).

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### 3. Fareham Community Lottery.

**A** New Community Lottery is to be set up in Fareham by One Community, Fareham's charity coordinator.



This was approved at the recent Council Executive meeting and will be launched on 5 January 2021 with the first tickets going on sale from 9 February. It is hoped that this new lottery will provide vital financial support for many local voluntary organisations.

Charity groups in Fareham East need to register for the lottery so that they can receive 40% of a £1 ticket value by encouraging those purchasing Fareham Community Lottery tickets to select their organisation as the primary recipient.

Contact Hayley Hamlett: [hhamlett@1community.org.uk](mailto:hhamlett@1community.org.uk)

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### 4. Fareham Shopmobility and Voluntary Car Service.



**T**he **Shopmobility** service operated by Community First from the Osborn Road multi-storey car park is **OPEN again** after the second Lockdown. The office will be open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only from 10:00 am until 4 p.m. until further notice. You can book by calling: 01329 282929.

**T**he **Voluntary Car scheme** is available for anyone who has difficulty attending or who cannot use public transport, to attend medical appointments. This scheme is available Mondays to Fridays except for Bank Holidays. To book call: 01329 231899.



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## 5. Katrina fights to win East St residents some peace.

**K**atrina is championing residents of East Street who are being driven to distraction by the traffic noise from the main road behind their properties.



See, and hear, Katrina's video, taken in the garden of an East St resident, [here](#) .

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## 6. Scarecrows in Wallington !

**F**or a bit of fun in Wallington village, local residents Joy Heywood and Tami Kent combined their efforts of working on the village allotment with running a competition to design and make Scarecrows.

A number of village people took part and the results were on show at the allotment by Wickham Road on Sunday 13 December. Scarecrow making 'kits' were sold at £5 each.

A total of nearly £80 was raised on the day for the Gardeners' Benevolent Fund.

Many of the wonderful entries can be seen here:



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## 7. Fly Tipping Success(es)

**A** local Wallington resident, **Nikki Wilson**, reported to **Katrina** that there had been a number of fly tipping incidents along Pinks Hill which runs from the M27 slip road up to the industrial estate at the top of the hill.

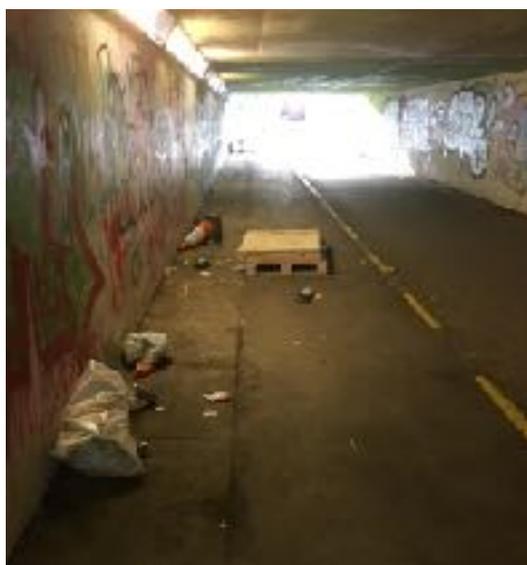


Katrina asked FBC to investigate and enforcement officers were able to find sufficient evidence in the rubbish to award a fixed penalty notice to an individual and are also tracing other people who may have been involved.



Notices have now been placed indicating that CCTV is in operation in the area and reminding people that fly-tipping is an offence.

Huge thanks to Fareham Borough Council's Streetscene Team, based at Broadcut depot, for their rapid response earlier this month as well as to the mess in the underpass beneath the M27 this week as shown in the pictures below.



Thank you to residents for alerting FBC and **Katrina**. Thank you also to the skateboarders who bagged up the rubbish to make collection easier, which was done on Monday.

Sadly, just a short while later, when **Katrina** checked the underpass, there was litter in front of it. She picked up an empty Carlsberg tin, an empty plastic 'fruit shoot' bottle.....And a large crisp packet!!

***When will people learn to take their litter home or put it in a bin !***

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## **8. Former Magistrates' Court**

Residents will be delighted to know that outline planning permission has been given today, 16 December, for the demolition of the eyesore that is the old Magistrates' Court building in Trinity Street.

45 apartments for senior citizens are to be built on the site. A more detailed planning application will be made later when residents will be able to make comments.



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## 9. Recent Neighbourhood Alert Messages

### Looking for tips on keeping safer this Christmas?

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner's crime prevention advent calendar will have a new crime prevention tip each day to help keep yourself safer in the run up to Christmas.



The advent calendar can be found here: [Advent Calendar](#)

*Message Sent By*

Graeme Barbour (Police, Digital Communications Officer, Hampshire)

## Safe Online Christmas Shopping

**T**his Christmas more of us than ever before will be shopping online for our presents.

Attached is a useful guide to provide helpful tips on how to avoid being a victim of online fraud whilst online shopping.

[Safe Online Christmas Shopping.pdf](#) - 728.0 KB

We hope this is useful - for more useful tips on staying safe online simply visit [getsafeonline.org](http://getsafeonline.org)

All the best,  
The Get Safe Online team

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## **A Message from Assistant Chief Constable Maggie Blyth As Tiered Restrictions Are Introduced In England**

**A**s Hampshire and the Isle of Wight enters the new national tiered system of restrictions from Wednesday 2 December, Hampshire Constabulary is thanking our communities for continuing to restrict the spread of Covid-19 by following the government regulations and providing vital crime prevention advice.

Limiting the spread of the virus is primarily the responsibility of public health, but we know that our role is an important one and that compliance with the legislation will be an influencing factor in mitigating risks for the public and the NHS at this important time.

### ***Tiered restrictions***

***Assistant Chief Constable, Maggie Blyth***, said:

“The vast majority of people have observed the regulations in place over recent months. I’d like to thank them all for their concerted efforts to restrict the spread of the virus in such challenging times.

“We know the ongoing impact these restrictions have on people’s lives. We will continue to follow the approach of engaging, explaining and encouraging people to comply with the restrictions, but blatant breaches will face robust enforcement action from our officers.

“We will continue to maintain Covid-19 related patrols, as required, in addition to usual policing as we move into the tiered system. This is to address any problems that are identified to us and ensure that people are observing the restrictions in place to prevent the spread of the virus.

“Everyone must observe the restrictions from the highest tier that they are travelling from or to, at all times. We will not be preventing people from travelling from one area to another, but are working with ferry operators and partner agencies to ensure that people are informed about the different restrictions in place on the Isle of Wight as compared to the rest of Hampshire.

### **Support and crime prevention advice**

“There are individuals and children that will continue to suffer from the impact of domestic abuse during the government restrictions. This is worse during a period behind closed doors where contact with other people like friends and family is restricted. Anyone who is facing abuse or harm should call 999. If you’re not in a position to speak press 55 and our controllers will know what to do. We are there for you, please call us if you need us in an emergency.

“You can also call Hampshire Domestic Abuse Service on 03300 165112 or Stay Safe East on 0208 519 7241 to get confidential help.

“With more people potentially leaving home to return to work following the recent lockdown and the darker evenings, I’d also urge everyone to look at the burglary crime prevention advice on the Hampshire Constabulary website. Make sure you lock up properly, don’t leave Christmas presents on view, and leave a light on to deter opportunistic thieves.

“With many small businesses potentially re-opening this week I’d also advise owners and their staff to check that their premises remained secure during the recent restrictions, and that systems like CCTV and alarms remain in good working order now that they’re trading and have cash in the building.

“Throughout the pandemic, use of technology has boomed, with individuals using online solutions to purchase, access, and make use of goods and services more than ever before. If you’re buying presents online please make sure you check whether the site you’re using is reputable. You can find more advice on the Action Fraud website – [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk).

“Thank you again for your ongoing commitment to restricting the spread of the virus. Hampshire Constabulary remains committed to playing its part keeping you and our communities safe in these unprecedented times”.

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# Improve Your Cyber Security By Taking Six Actions

Due to coronavirus, more people will be doing their festive shopping online this year.

This means more opportunities for hackers to carry out cyber attacks. They often do this by targeting people and businesses using:

- \* email and website scams
- \* malware - software that can damage your device or let a hacker in
- \* If hackers get into your device or accounts, they could access your money, your personal information, or information about your business.

## You can improve your cyber security by taking six actions:

### **1 - Use a strong and separate password for your email**

If a hacker gets into your email, they could:

- \* reset your other account passwords
- \* access information you have saved about yourself or your business
- \* Your email password should be strong and different to all your other passwords. This will make it harder to crack or guess.

### **2 - Create strong passwords using 3 random words**

When you use different passwords for your important accounts, it can be hard to remember them all.

A good way to create strong, memorable passwords is by using 3 random words.

Do not use words that can be guessed (like your pet's name). You can include numbers and symbols if you need to. For example, "RedPantsTree4!"

### **3 - Save your passwords in your browser**

Saving your password in your browser means letting your web browser (such as Chrome, Safari or Edge) remember your password for you.

This can help:

- \* make sure you do not lose or forget your passwords
- \* protect you against some cyber crime, such as fake websites

It is safer than using weak passwords, or using the same password in more than one place.

## 4 - Turn on two-factor authentication (2FA)

Two-factor authentication (2FA) helps to stop hackers from getting into your accounts, even if they have your password.

## 5 - Update your devices

Out-of-date software, apps, and operating systems contain weaknesses. This makes them easier to hack.

Companies fix the weaknesses by releasing updates. When you update your devices and software, this helps to keep hackers out.

## 6 - Back up your data

Backing up means creating a copy of your information and saving it to another device or to cloud storage (online).

Backing up regularly means you will always have a recent version of your information saved. This will help you recover quicker if your data is lost or stolen.

**For more information, and step-by-step instructions, please visit [cyberaware.gov.uk](http://cyberaware.gov.uk)**

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